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A.—(*a*) About 19 miles of the high level channel have been excavated to the end of June 1933. The land acquisition is likely to be completed by the end of April 1934.

(*b*) 20,552 acres.

Land Revenue Administration

Pattas to houses in the Chintadripet division.

* 61 *Q.*—Mr. V. M. Ramaswami Mudaliyar: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the practice of issuing pattas by the Collector to houses in the Chintadripet division of the Madras City has been discontinued and, if so, why;

(*b*) to whom such powers have been transferred;

(*c*) whether any protests or representations have been made against the new procedure;

(*d*) whether the Government are satisfied that the authority to whom such power has been transferred has made necessary arrangements for properly keeping records, copies, etc.; and

(*e*) whether it is a fact that the new authority is charging more fees than the Government used to do?

A.—(*a*) *to* (*e*) The Government have no information but have called for a report.

The Government have received no protests or representations relating to the procedure followed.

Local Self-Government

Dissolution of the Panchayat Board, Komarapalaiyam, Salem district.

* 62 *Q.*—Mr. K. A. Nachiyappa Gounder: Will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to state—

(*a*) on what grounds the Panchayat Board at Komarapalaiyam in Salem district was dissolved recently;

(*b*) on whose report such an action was taken;

(*c*) whether it is on the report of the President, Salem District Board;

(*d*) whether the Government were aware that the latter was interested in one of the parties there;

(*e*) whether the sitting president and some member of the panchayat put in their representations and, if so, whether their representations have been considered;

(*f*) whether it is a fact that the finances of the panchayat were well regulated during the regime of the sitting President Mr. J. K. Kandaswami Chettiyar;

(*g*) what the panchayat board, the tâluk board and the district board said in the matter of dissolution of the said panchayat and whether copies of their resolutions will be placed on the table;